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TAGS: MASS

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER LEE

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS THE TEXT OF A LETTER
QUOTED BELOW FROM ASST SECRETARY HOLBROOKE TO PRIME MINISTER
LEE. A SIGNED COPY WILL FOLLOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEPT MR. PRIME MINISTER:

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE RAPID
AND GRACIOUS RESPONSE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT LAST WEEK IN
ALLOWING TWELVE US NAVY AIRCRAFT TO LAND AT SINGAPORE
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHEN THEIR AIRCRAFT CARRIER DEVELOPED
MECHANICAL PROBLEMS AT SEA. AS THE AIRCRAFT WERE DANGER-

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OUSLY LOW ON FUEL WHEN THEY FINALLY WERE FORCED TO DIVERT
TO SINGAPORE, THE PROMPT ACTION TAKEN BY YOUR AUTHORITIES
AVERTED WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN AT BEST GREAT EMBARRASSMENT
AND AT WORST A MAJOR TRAGEDY.

THE RESOLUTION OF THIS SITUATION IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE
CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE TIES BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. I HOPE

THAT YOU WILL ACCEPT THIS EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE, AND PASS

IT TO THOSE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE WHO WERE
RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH QUICK AND EFFECTIVE ACTION.

SINCERELY, RICHARD HOLBROOKE

END TEXT VANCE

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Message Attributes

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